

Writing Evaluation Rubric

Name: _____

Topic: _____

Category	Fluent <i>10 - 9 points</i>	Proficient <i>8 - 6 points</i>	Emerging <i>5 - 3 points</i>	Aspiring <i>2 - 1 points</i>	Points Earned
Presentation	A fluent presentation is neatly handwritten or typed, double spaced, with standard margins and a full heading and title.	A proficient presentation is missing an element of neatly handwritten or typed, double spaced, standard margins, heading, or title / label.	An emerging presentation misses a few elements.	An aspiring presentation misses many elements.	
Thesis	A fluent thesis argues a coherent and nuanced perspective in a compound-complex sentence at the end of the introduction.	A proficient thesis argues a relevant and detailed perspective in a compound or a complex sentence at the end of the introduction.	An emerging thesis states a relevant perspective in a tenuous compound or simple sentence, or is misplaced within the essay.	An aspiring thesis demonstrates varying understanding and attempts a simple sentence structure, or is missing entirely.	
Structure	Fluent structure aligns dynamic, persuasive claims at the beginning of each body paragraph with a cohesive thesis and evidence.	Proficient structure aligns explicit, factual claims at the beginning of each body paragraph with a clear thesis and evidence.	Emerging structure either misaligns the thesis, claims, and/or evidence, or neglects to include a claim at the start of each body paragraph.	Aspiring structure misaligns the thesis, claims, and evidence and/or does not have a evident organization of ideas.	
Evidence	Fluent evidence persuasively supports claims with an extensive range of precise details.	Proficient evidence accurately supports claims with a broad range of details.	Emerging evidence appropriately supports claims with a narrow range of general details.	Aspiring evidence supports claims with vague ideas.	
Context	Fluent context answers the question with sophisticated analysis and keen insights through sophisticated interpretation.	Proficient context answers the question with a degree of interpretation and a layered understanding.	Emerging context answers the question with limited analysis and / or incomplete investigation.	Aspiring context offers little interpretation and responds insufficiently to the question.	
Sentence Fluency	Fluent sentences display a diverse range of eloquent sentence structures and transitions.	Proficient sentences demonstrate an appropriate range of articulate sentence structures and transitions.	Emerging sentences experiment with structure and contain occasional fragments or run-on sentences.	Aspiring sentences are mostly simple in structure with some fragments or run-on sentences.	
Word Choice	Fluent word choice features a nuanced usage of key terms and effectively employs vivacious vocabulary and active verbs.	Proficient word choice incorporates key terms and correct but somewhat straightforward usage of vocabulary.	Emerging word choice makes reference to relevant terms and uses repetitive vocabulary.	Aspiring word choice occasionally misuses terms and includes basic vocabulary.	
Voice	Fluent voice is eloquent and written in an authentic and appropriate tone, with a keen engagement of the reader.	Proficient voice is articulate and written in an authentic and appropriate tone, with an acknowledgement of the reader.	Emerging voice is mostly written in an authentic and appropriate tone, with varying concern for the reader.	Aspiring voice appears inauthentic and is written in an inappropriate tone, with little consideration of the reader.	
Citations	Fluent citations provide direct references and precise documentation of evidence, quotations, and / or sources to avoid plagiarism.	Proficient citations provide mostly accurate references and generally clear documentation of evidence, quotations, and / or sources to avoid plagiarism.	Emerging citations provide vague references and confusing documentation of evidence, quotations, and / or sources to avoid plagiarism.	Aspiring citations provide little or no references and little or no documentation of evidence, quotations, and / or sources.	
Revisions	Fluent revisions display sophisticated evidence of alteration and self-editing, yielding nearly no capitalization, punctuation, or spelling errors.	Proficient revisions display fine evidence of alteration and self-editing, yielding few capitalization, punctuation, or spelling errors.	Emerging revisions display some evidence of alteration and self-editing, yielding several capitalization, punctuation, or spelling errors.	Aspiring revisions display little evidence of alteration and self-editing, yielding many capitalization, punctuation, or spelling errors.	
Total Points Earned:					